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DANGER NOW OF FALLING SHORT

Peace Talk and Signing of Armistice Has Hindered Work of Raising Tazewell's Quota in Y. M. C. A. Drive.

From reports reaching Tazewell it appears that distressingly little interest has been taken in the Y. M. C. A. Campaign in Tazewell County.

Few of the precincts in the county have reached their quotas. A number of the wealthy communities in the county have made such a poor showing that we feel ashamed to publish the amounts and will wait until next week that an opportunity may be given to redeem themselves.

The following statement was issued yesterday afternoon by C. R. Brown, chairman of the drive in Tazewell county:

"In next weeks issue of the News will appear a complete report of the work done for the Y. M. C. A. or War Work Campaign in our county. The allotment for each voting precinct will be given as well as the amounts paid.

Judging from present indications the report will be mortifying to the good citizens of some precincts, while others are measuring up to their obligations. It is not too late yet. Send in your checks to the undersigned or T. A. Repass, Jr., Treasurer. It is earnestly hoped that the people of Tazewell will not cease to support the boys until every soldier and sailor gets home.

Yours "Perplexed, but not in despair." C. R. BROWN.

Redeem your W. S. S. Pledge.

COVE CREEK SUBSCRIPTIONS IN WAR WORK CAMPAIGN.

Following is a list of the subscriptions in the United War Work Campaign at Cove Creek. Mrs. T. L. Shuffelbarger was chairman of the soliciting committee, with the able assistance of Miss Lucie Slade.

T. L. Shuffelbarger, \$10; Mrs. T. L. Shuffelbarger, \$6.00; Edith Shuffelbarger, \$2.00; Forrest Shuffelbarger, \$1.00; Garnett Shuffelbarger, \$1.00; Sallie H. Slade, \$5.00; Charles O. Slade, \$5.00; Mrs. A. L. Compton, \$5.00; Mrs. John H. Neel, \$1.00; Jno. H. Neel, \$2.00; R. H. Neel, \$1.00; Wm. T. Belcher, \$1.00; Simon Fox, \$1.00; Will Compton, \$1.00; W. Turner Sarver, \$1.00; Henry H. Shawver, \$1.00; H. Jackson Neel, \$1.00; Mrs. R. C. Fox, \$1.00; J. P. Leffel, \$5.00; Hicks Belcher, \$5.00; Aubrey B. Gregory, \$1.00; Clark W. Neel, \$1.00; E. L. Shawver, \$1.00; Mrs. W. P. Slade, \$1.00; H. C. Reynolds, \$1.00; J. M. Slade, \$1.00; Sammy Belcher, Jr., \$25.00; Jess Wyatt, \$1.00; S. N. Shawver and wife, \$10. Total \$69.25.

Following is a partial list of donations solicited by the Mens Committee, A. B. Neel, chairman; A. P. Fox, and J. W. Slade.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Fox, \$10.00; Dora Fox, \$1.00; Gertrude Fox, \$1.00; Mrs. and Mr. L. W. Neel, \$5.00; Jno. W. Slade, \$10.00; D. Frank Slade, \$5.00; E. P. Neel, \$1.00; Mrs. Mary E. Neel, \$2.00; J. P. Neel, \$1.00; T. Jeff Higginbotham, \$1.00; George W. Walker, \$3.00; R. C. Fox, \$2.00; Jess Wyatt, \$1.00; Varona Belcher, \$2.00; R. O. Crockett, \$5.00; H. Claude Pobst, \$1.00. Total \$49.20.

PRESIDENT WILSON GOING TO FRANCE.

Washington, Nov. 18.—President Wilson will attend the opening session of the peace conference. This was announced tonight officially. He will go immediately after the convening of the regular session of Congress on December 2.

The White House issued this announcement:

"The President expects to sail for France immediately after the opening of the regular session of congress, for the purpose of taking part in the discussion and settlement of the main features of the treaty of peace. It is not likely that it will be possible for him to remain throughout the sessions of the formal peace conference, but his presence at the outset is necessary in order to obviate the manifest disadvantages of discussion by cable in determining the greater outlines of the final treaty about which he must necessarily be consulted. He will, of course, be accompanied by delegates who will sit as the representatives of the United States in the conference.

"The names of the delegates will be presently announced."

How long the president will remain abroad he, himself, probably cannot say now. The time of the convening of the peace conference has not yet been announced, but the general belief is that it cannot be assembled before late in December at the earliest. If such proves the case, the President will be absent from the country for at least a month and probably longer.

What plans the president may have for his trip other than to attend the opening of the peace conference and to participate in the discussions among the representatives of the associated nations which will precede it, have not been revealed. He undoubtedly will be accompanied by Mrs. Wilson and it is expected here that besides visiting Paris, where the peace conference will probably be held, he will go to London and possibly to Brussels and Rome.

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FARMERS SHOULD NOW LOOK AFTER THEIR SEED CORN.

Mr. Farmer, do you remember the trouble you had last spring with your seed corn? Didn't you have trouble in getting a good stand due to bad germination of the seed? Why not now eliminate all that trouble for this coming spring? You can easily do it and it will not take but very little of your time.

Seed corn should be selected while the corn is standing in the field. This is the best time and chance you have to actually see what you are getting. It is your opportunity to select for any standard you desire. For instance, if you wanted a type of corn that eared low to the ground, you have a chance to select seed ears from such a stalk. But if you wait until you get ready to plant your crop in the spring and then go to the crib and pick out your best ears you have no chance whatever to select ears produced low to the ground, and on medium sized stalks.

It is reasonable to assume that a variety that makes the best yields in a county is adapted to the locality. This is especially true if the variety produces best for several years.

Well preserved seed corn of such varieties is greatly needed and is in demand in practically all corn growing sections.

The next best time to select good seed is when you are shucking out the corn. Again, you have an opportunity to select ears that are particularly good. When you come to an ear that suits your conditions, pitch it to the side by itself. Then when you haul up the corn take a bag or some receptacle with you to carry your seed ears in.

The kind of plant from which seed should be selected is one that produces much better without any apparent reason than plants surrounding it. Thus, it is not always wise to select ears from plants within unusual amount of space or unusually fertile locations thinking it might possess greater inherent producing power than plants from ordinary ground.

Immediately after gathering, the seed ears should be placed to dry in a position where they will not touch each other and where there is a good circulation of air. Binder twine or racks made from electrically welded wire fencing are satisfactory means of suspending seed ears to dry.

When the seed becomes as dry as old corn, it can be taken from the racks and stored where neither moisture, moths, nor mice can injure it. By exercising care in this particular depends in a large measure the success of the next year's crop. Poor care has reduced and will reduce the yielding power of seed considerably without perceptibly injuring its germination.

W. I. SMITH,
County Agent.

CIRCUIT COURT COMMENCES NEXT TUESDAY.

The prospect is for a light docket for Circuit Court, which is to convene here next Tuesday. The following criminal cases have been set for trial:

Commonwealth vs. Will Martin on November 27th.
Commonwealth vs. George Murray on November 27th.
Commonwealth vs. Eugene Jones, on November 27th.
Commonwealth vs. Nye Britts, on November 29th.
Commonwealth vs. Wash Smith on November 29th.
Commonwealth vs. Anthony Christian, November 29th.

The following jurors have been summoned:

W. F. Bandy, Silas E. Clay, Matthias Christian, Henry Christian, C. T. Fields, John L. Ascue, George H. Moss, John L. Arms, Jos. R. Kelly, S. L. Mustard, T. M. Greener, W. G. Cox, Jos. M. Bourne, Peter A. Yost, Silvester Brooks, Archie Thompson, W. A. Carbaugh, John H. Peery, Curtis B. Gibson.

The case of the Commonwealth against Nye Britts has been set for trial in the Circuit Court for Thursday, November 29th. The prosecution will be represented by James W. Harman, Commonwealth's Attorney and R. L. Jordan, of Radford, Virginia. The defendant will be represented by Henson and Bowen and R. O. Crockett. The trial of the case will not likely take more than two days.

CEMETERY BENEFIT SALE.

Tuesday, Nov. 26th, in the sample room of the Jeffersonville hotel, beginning at 10 o'clock, the cemetery benefit sale will be held.

Since it seems wise to give up the luncheon planned for that date, we ladies of the Association are earnestly begging you who live in the country and town to contribute to our domestic department, and help us make a success of this one benefit this year. We do not measure your interest by the largeness of your gifts, but we who labor in this good work are looking to you to give, as you can, in material or money.

There will be three tables—one where we hope to have donated fresh meat, chickens, etc., that you may bring; one of butter, eggs, bread, cake, canned goods and a miscellaneous assortment donated that you may buy, and one of pies.

There will be a box for free will offerings at the door.

We feel, the deprived of your good lunch, you have the interest of the work enough at heart to contribute your usual amount. We, who are laboring and working are depending on you.

THE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION.

INFLUENZA IS FAR WORSE THAN WAR

Deaths From Disease in Camps Far Exceeds Losses in War With German Empire.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 17.—Deaths from influenza in the United States greatly exceeded the deaths among American troops abroad, according to an estimate prepared by the Bureau of the Census. It is also estimated by the Bureau of Public Health that the deaths from influenza and pneumonia in camps and cantonments in this country nearly approached the number killed in actual battle among the expeditionary forces.

The bulletin shows that the highest mortality per thousand was in Philadelphia, with Baltimore next. "The influenza epidemic has thus far taken a much heavier toll of American life than has the great war," says the bulletin. The total loss of life throughout the country is not known.

These reports, which cover the period from Sept. 8 to Nov. 9, inclusive, show a total of 82,306 deaths from these similar causes. It is estimated that during a similar period of time the number of deaths in the same cities would be about 4,000, leaving approximately 78,000 as the number properly chargeable to the epidemic.

"The total casualties in the American expeditionary forces have recently been unofficially estimated at 100,000. On the basis of the number thus far reported it may be assumed that the deaths from all causes, including disease and accidents, are probably less than 45 per cent, and may not be more than 40 per cent, of the total casualties. On this assumption the loss of life in the American Expeditionary Forces to date is about 40,000 or 45,000."

"In general the epidemic traversed the country from east to west. In a number of eastern cities, notably in Boston, where the greatest mortality occurred during the week ended Oct. 5th, the largest numbers of deaths were reported for earlier periods than that which covered the height of the epidemic for the forty-six cities taken as a group. On the other hand, in New Haven, New York, Pittsburgh, and Rochester the maximum mortality occurred somewhat later than in Eastern cities generally, in Baltimore, Buffalo, and Philadelphia the two weeks' period ended October 26 showed greatest number of deaths. For the entire nine weeks period the greatest mortality due to the epidemic in proportion to population—7.4 per 1,000—occurred in Philadelphia and the next greatest—6.7 per 1,000—was reported for Baltimore."

GRATTON NOTES.

Gratton, Nov. 19.—A large panther was killed on East River mountain some few days ago.

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Mr. Marvin Rutherford is at his home to see his father, Mr. P. F. Rutherford at this writing.

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FUNERAL OF MRS. COLWELL.

(Graham Daily News.) The funeral of Mrs. Julia Colwell, who died at Flat Top Tuesday, took place Wednesday afternoon, and the service was in charge of Rev. W. H. Troy, of Graham. Burial was in the Taber burying ground at Falls Mills. Mrs. Colwell was the mother of Mrs. Sam Waddell, of Graham, and was aged thirty-six years.

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NEWS OF WEST POCAHONTAS.

Big Vein, Nov. 19.—We are having some rain just now. Some of the good people here have some corn to husk yet, so we are glad to see it rain.

Opie Brooks, the little twelve year old boy of Mr. Arch Brooks, accidentally shot himself last Saturday through the leg. The wound is not serious.

Mr. Robert Leonard, of Boissevaine, was in camp last Saturday on business.

J. F. Watson, S. B. Rector, and W. A. Dillon left last week for Pocahontas and Wyoming counties, W. Va., to hunt big game, such as bear and deer. We do hope that they will be successful and find old juicy bear steak.

Mr. Walter Leathco and family and Miss Nora Leathco, of Boissevaine, were visiting Mrs. S. B. Maxey last Sunday.

Sergeant Quigley gave a very interesting lecture at Boissevaine last Sunday.

Two of our colored miners here, we are informed, are in trouble at Kenova on account of having too much whiskey on hand when they arrived at that town from Catlettsburg.

Mr. Lloyd Hopkins and Miss Maggie Fowler were married last Sunday at Princeton. They went to Kentucky where they will make their future home.

Mr. Wilburn Bunch has an attack of influenza, but not a serious one.

On account of the rain here last Monday night Mr. Cooper, of Boissevaine, cancelled an engagement to give an address here.

Little Virginia Shoope, daughter of F. M. Shoope, was very seriously burned last week. She is not expected to live. Her clothes caught fire some way while burning some trash in the yard. Her brother was nearby and caught her and extinguished the fire as soon as possible, but she was badly burned nevertheless.

Mr. Wm. Yancy has had a grin on his face since last Thursday. Some one asked him what produced such sunbeams on his mug, and Bill said that the boy weighed nine pounds. Mother and child doing well.

Because the war is over let us not slacken up in our mining operations and farming. The people in Europe must be fed. Our government must have coal to get them rations and to keep up our own industries in this country.

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WAR WORK AT STEELSBURG

H. L. Spratt and the Editor Address "Corporal's Guard" in Behalf of Y. M. C. A. Fund.

The Editor and Mr. Harry L. Spratt the lawyer and all around war worker, were "ordered" by Chairman C. R. Brown, to go to Midway and Steelsburg churches on last Sunday, and boost the War Work Fund. The result of the days work from a monetary point can be seen by the publication of a list, etc., in another column of this paper.

The fine result accomplished was due to the fine speeches and faithful, persistent efforts of Mr. Spratt. Let it be recorded here that Spratt is a forceful, clear speaker. He takes pains to prepare his speeches, not trust entirely to the "inspiration of the crowd" to give him something to say as is too often the case with public speakers. And certainly it was lucky that he was not dependent upon the "inspiration of the crowd" this time, for the reason that the crowd was not at Midway. Through somebody's negligence or mistake, notice of this meeting was not circulated in the community, only a "corporal's guard" were present.

To be exact, 10 men and boys and 4 young ladies and 1 child. This was the crowd, if I did not miscount. Everyone of those present subscribed to the War Work Fund. Not one escaped, which shows how Spratt's speech was received and his skill as a collector.

In the afternoon, through rain and storm, we reached Steelsburg, where a larger crowd was assembled. The result of this meeting is seen also in the published list elsewhere in this paper.

John I. DeBoard, an intelligent young citizen of that community opened the meeting, following the singing of "America," in a short, strong speech. The Editor made a "few feeble remarks," clearing the way for Spratt and the collection, he went at it "hammer and tongs," and delivered the goods. A bunch of nice, earnest Cedar Bluff people were present and helped out wonderfully.

Among these I noticed, Chapman H. Peery, the tall syamore of the Clinch, Harry Bane, of the large mill company of Higginbotham and Bane, and their wives and others whose names have slipped me.

Steelsburg. Steelsburg is the name of the church. There is no town or village. The neighborhood school is built on the same lot. "God's half acre," too, where sleeps the remains of many of the men and women of other days.

Moses Ferrell, W. C. Witten, Jno. I. DeBoard, a Mr. Whitt, I believe Mrs. Martin and several other well known families live in sight, with Geo. Ony not far off, and Wardell within "holer-in" distance if the wind is right. Good folks all of them, who can make a visitor feel welcome.

At Charles H. Steele's.

At Midway in the morning, to go back a little, we had our dinner with Mr. Charles Steele. Charles lives about a mile off the road, in good weather, about four in bad weather. Like the old proverb, you know, about hard to get to heaven but all right after you get there, so with going to Steele's, particularly in a car. But once in his splendid home of such hospitality, and such a dinner as was spread before us, all hardships were forgotten for the time.

Charles H. Steele lives in the ancestral home of his father, the late Shade Steele. His visible wealth consist of a bluegrass farm, seven sons and four daughters. Two of the boys are soldiers, one, Edgar is in France, John is in training camp on this side.

Mrs. Steele, still young and well preserved, was Miss Minnie McGuire, daughter of the late J. Marion McGuire.

A Word About The Roads. Before "cutting out" these remarks a few words must be said about the roads.

After leaving Steels for our evening appointment at Steelsburg, our troubles began. Rain was falling fast. Just before reaching the main road we ran into a slick steep hill. The Ford bucked, we backed to the bottom, laid a few pieces of plank for the wheels on the steepest part and finally got "over the top" wet and muddy. The road from the Russell line to Cedar Bluff, is a new road, and when first built was said to be one of the finest pieces of road in the county. We were surprised to find in many places, large holes in this road, filled with water. At other places the water was running down each side in the tracks made by the vehicles, cutting away the roads, washing them into little river and other streamlets. By next spring much of this road will be about like Tazewell avenue in this town. I don't want to criticize or "knock" but facts are facts.

On our return we hung up the second time, and after sloshing around in the mud and rain, we put the car on the chains, and had no further trouble, reaching home at 7:30 after a hard day but pleasant with all.

CHURCH NOTICE.

Next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, I will preach at White Church, and in the afternoon, at 3 o'clock, at Pleasant Hill.

On account of influenza I shall not begin revival services at Glenwood at this time.

W. C. THOMPSON.

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JOSEPH E. PORTER DEAD.

Joseph E. Porter, son of Mr. Wm. E. Porter, of Plum Creek, was buried in the new cemetery Wednesday afternoon. He died at Quantico, Va., at six o'clock Saturday afternoon from pneumonia, following influenza. The deceased was a member of the U. S. Marine corps at the time of death, and had only recently left the training station at Paris Island and come to Quantico, from which point he expected to embark for France. The order came within an hour or two of the time to sail cancelling the plans for overseas duty.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter, the parents, received a message last week from the commanding officer at Quantico stating that their son was ill. Mrs. Porter and son, Robert, left immediately for the camp and when they arrived they found the sick man improved and were encouraged by the doctors who were of the opinion that the young soldier would recover. He suddenly became worse, however, on Saturday afternoon, and expired.

The remains did not reach Tazewell until Wednesday afternoon. Funeral services were held at the grave and were made very brief on account of the inclemency of the weather. Rev. W. C. Thompson, assisted by Rev. Mr. Shannon, was in charge of the service. At the urgent request of the family the casket was opened at the grave.

Joseph Porter, like numbers of others of Tazewell boys, who have made the supreme sacrifice for their country, was a fine soldier. His commanding officer testified to his character and worth. He was recently promoted to a non-commissioned officer in the marines, a testimony within itself to his qualifications, and had been selected for overseas duty to follow up the great work begun at Chateau Thierry by his comrades, who broke the great German advance and saved Paris. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents.

THE SCHOOL TEACHERS AND THE "FLU."

In New York city there are one million public school pupils. As is known now neither the churches, schools or theaters were closed at all. The Superintendent of Health said, that 750,000 of these children were from the slums and tenement house district, where sanitary conditions are very poor.

The Superintendent said that there was far less likelihood of a spread of the disease from school buildings, where sanitary conditions were of the best.

Only a few picture shows—the small—"holes in the wall" were closed.

However, strictest rules and precautions were taken. The teachers in the schools were required to examine closely every child of their rooms every morning. When in doubt the child was sent to a separate room and a physician notified, who made an examination.

If a pupil gave suspicious evidence of having the "flu," it was sent home or to a hospital; in either case, properly treated. Some such precaution is necessary in the schools here and elsewhere, if kept open. The flu has not died out here. There are perhaps as many cases now as has been at any one time, and more.

But with great care and watchfulness there is no good reason why the disease may spread thru the schools. No child should be allowed to remain in school for an hour, which gives any room for suspicion, and no child from an infected home should be permitted to return to school except by the advice of a physician. Teachers and pupils are alike interested, as well as every family in town.

MRS. MALINDA CROCKETT DIES SUDDENLY.

Mrs. Malinda Crockett died last Friday morning about 6 o'clock, after an illness of only a few hours.

She was in the 85th year of her age. For a number of years she had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. J. F. Gillespie, on lower Tazewell avenue where her last days were spent quietly and in comfort. She leaves two children, Jos. A. Crockett and Mrs. J. F. Gillespie.

Mrs. Crockett was a Miss Ellis, before her marriage